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Claims Allowed

Claims 1-6 are allowed. The claims are allowable because the prior art does not anticipate nor render obvious the invention of a planetary gear apparatus including the features of an inner gear, a sun gear, at least one planet gear, a carrier with receiving holes for rotatably receiving the planetary gear over a generally entire length thereof, and wherein the engagement between the inner gear and the planet gear is axially displaced from the engagement between the sun gear and the planet gear such that the two engagements do not overlap, as recited in claim 1, or because the prior art does not anticipate nor render obvious the invention of a planetary gear apparatus including the features of an inner gear, a sun gear, at least one planet gear, and wherein the planet gears are arranged at a non-uniform interval in the peripheral direction of the sun gear or inner gear, such that a resultant force from the engagement between the sun or inner gear and the planet gear acts in a radial direction and a sun or inner gear supporting member is provided.

Prior Art Discussed

The reference cited by the examiner has inventors in common with the instant application, however the claims do not conflict.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dirk Wright whose telephone number is 703-308-2160. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8AM-4:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Charles Marmor can be reached on 703-308-0830. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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